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John Muller
Chair, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay St, Ste 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Muller:

I am writing to express my support for the measurable reduction of trash in our creeks that ends up in the Bay. I understand that the Water Board is seeking comments on a Municipal Regional Permit (Regional Permit), which includes new trash control requirements designed to reduce trash impacts to the Bay and its tributaries.

As the Water Board moves towards finalization of the Regional Permit, I would encourage you to work with those municipalities who will be charged with implementing the new requirements. I recognize that steps need to be taken to make reductions in the tremendous amounts of trash that is entering our creeks and waterways, and that these steps require funding and resources. However, there is a potential for costly environmental impacts if these steps are not taken in a timely and appropriate manner. I encourage the Water Board to work with the municipalities to best understand the trash reduction programs that are currently in place, and to build a consensus on how to effectively remove trash from our community creeks.

I thank you for your efforts in making the reduction of trash from our creeks and from the Bay a priority.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress

